BECKER GRANTED NEW TRIAL: THE FOUR GUNNEN MUST DIE

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THRILLING RESCUES AT FIRE WHERE TWO MEN ARE KILLED: SCALING LADDERS ARE USED

Police Save Others From the Flames by Ropes Dropped From Roofs.

MOTHERS RUSH SCHOOL

Try to Reach Pupils, Whom Teachers Keep Singing to Allay Panic.

Two men lost their lives and score were saved by scaling ladders and ropes in a fire which destroyed a saloon and hotel at First avenue and Ninth street to-day. Children in a nearby public school were forced to sing to allay a panie

Another man was burned to death in a fire which destroyed a \$30,000 Lebanon Hospital are uncertain what frame saloon and hotel at Nos. 9002-

2008 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn. A large section of the Bronx was in darkness as a result of a blaze at One Hundred and Sixty-third street and Southern Boulevard early to-day. Two thousand dancers, trapped in the darkness, were in a near-pants.

The system of moving reserve ensines during fires averted a serious
blaze at No. 138 East Fourteenth
street, near Tammany Hall, during
stantly, but she successible though taken

pied as a hotel for bakers, at the northwest corner of First avenue and Ninth street, was destroyed by a fire which started on the ground floor at 9 o'clock this morning. The bodies of two of the lodgers who had been burned to death were found in the ruins. It is feared other lives were lost. Several firemen were injured.

William E. Lemmin conducted the hotel in connection with a sploon or the ground floor. In the rear of the saloon, on the Ninth street side of the building, was a little storeroom occupied by D. Gold, a tailor.

Benzine kept by Gold for cleaning rushed up through the building so rapidly that the stairways and halls were afire before they could be atilized by the inmates. Lemminn, at the first alarm; ran to his living auarters on the second floor, assisted and passed them to a neighbor, who ook them in through a window.

There were between forty-five and fifty men asleep in the hotel. All had been working during the night and their sleep was sound. Police-Fifth street station and Benjamin Breenwald and George Fuller entered the building and rushed from door to door pounding and shouting the

When they reached the top floor and completed their task of arousing all who heard them, they found the fire right at their heels. Scampering to the roof they held the trap door partly open for any who might fol-

Owing to the piles of snow in the streets the firemen were slow in arriving, and after they arrived were unable to get water pressure for ten second alarm was turned in. Such of the bewildered lodgers a

ild make their way to the fire

Continued on Fourth Page. WINTER CRUISES

TWO SISTERS DEAD, THIRD GIRL DYING OF WOOD ALCOHOL

Coroner Conducting Investigation Into the Tragedy of a Wedding.

Nellie Dean, twenty-six years old, and her twenty-year-old sister Madeleine, who lived at No. 386 East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, lature. died to-day presumably from wood caused the death of the girls, and Coroner Healy has been an investi-

Marie Driscoll of Greenpoint is also dangerously sick.

gation

The three were guests at an Italian wedding in Kenmare Hall, No. 39 Spring street, on Sunday night, and partook of some wine. On returning home the Dean girls quickly became

to the hospital, failed to improve

ALDERMEN VOTE AWAY POWER OVER NEWSSTANDS

Issue of Permits in Li-

and Democrats voting in harmony the Board of Aldermen this afternoon deprived itself of its old-time power of granting permits for stands of all kinds inside of stoop tines and beneath cievated railway structures.

"I vote against the ordinance bethat it is a measure introduced by Alderman Curran for his self-glori-fication, and I don't propose doing anything that will boost the glory of

agreed to vote for the ordinance only on condition that the Fusionists vote for a resolution introduced by Alderman Kenenaly requesting the Mayor to direct the Chief of the Bureau of Licenses to give preference in stand licenses to the blind, crippled, or-phaned, widowed and other indict-ments. It will not interfere with

GIRL BADLY BURNED AT BREAKFAST TABLE

very-old daughter of Zeon L. Foster, of the automobile speed laws to spend wealthy soap manufacturer, of No. at least one night in fail in heu of 719 Palisade avenue, Yonkers, is itthe Homeopathic Hospital there in a Magistrate McAdo, was defeated error. At the most there were only ercritical condition from burns received this afternoon in the Hoard of Alderwhile she was filling an alcohol tamp men by a vote of 33 to 58, 40 being while she was filling an alcohol lamp inder a coffee percolator at the breakfast table to-day. The lamp expenses the present law states the official ploded and the blazing fluid was day to be from 2 to 4, so that a man

thrown over her from head to foot.

Mr. Foster and his wife, who is President of the Yonkers Women's Suffrage Society, dragged the cloth by afternoon.

The maintait members of the Board will be fairly had been hereafted. But will bring the maintait members of the Board will bring the maintait members up for remaining the maintain members of the Board will bring the maintain and ber here hereafted. hair had been burned off and her right shoulder and legs were badly scorched. She was attended by Dr. S. Jenks, a neighbor. Mr. Foster was burned about the hands and arms.

WOMEN VOTING FOR FIRST TIME AT CHICAGO POLLS

Eight Running as Candidates and 700 Are Officials in Primary Election.

ARMY OF WATCHERS. HOROW

One Seeking to Oust "Bathhouse John" as Alderman-Expect 75,000 Ballots.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.-Women voters of Chicago cast their first ballot today at the primary election for the nomination of aldermanic candidates.

As candidates, as voters and as election officials they played an important part in the election, the first in this city since the passage of the equal suffrage act by the last Legis-

The names of eight women candisiruhol poleoning. Physicians in the dates appeared on the ballots. More than seven hundred women acted as judges and clerks. Hundreds more, representing clubs and political organizations, had been officially designated as watchers and were at the polling places at an early hour.

The women centred most of their attention on the First Ward, comprising the business section, where Miss Marion Drake was the Progressive party candidate. If nominated, Miss Drake will oppose Alderman "Bathhouse John" J. Coughian for re-election.

Election officials predict that from 50,000 to 75,000 of the 158,000 registered woman voters would vote. WOMAN 73 YEARS OLD WAS THE

FIRST TO VOTE. At 16 o'clock a snowstorm that had

revailed ceased and the sun came out. With it came the women. Reports from residential wards showed By 70 to 1 They Favor Placing a comparatively heavy women's vote. Where the women were not actively engaged in contests the vote was light, as voting in to-day's primaries would compel primary purposes for two years with the party for which they voted today. Voting at the elections in April will be secret, and many of the women decided to wait for the

\$200,000,000 TAKEN

FROM NEW HAVEN BY

Senator Causes a Stir by Also

Talking of Depredation of a

Lot of Pirates.

torney-General for certain informa-

for the reorganization of the New

to say that the directors robbed the

stockholders of the road he is in great

not go on satisfactorily if unwarranted

ence of anarchists in the country,

one had taken \$200,000,000.

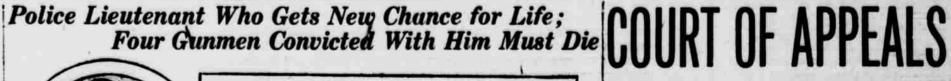
The honor of being the first woman SOME ONE, SAYS NORRIS election to vote to-day fell to Mrs. Mary Mc-Cann, seconty-three years old, mother of Mrs. Agnew, candidate for the Progressive nomination in the Thirty-first Ward. Mrs. McCann was leading a line of men and women who waited outside her precinct polling place for the polls to open at 6 o'clock.

CAN'T MAKE SPEEDERS SPEND NIGHT IN JAIL torney-General for certain informa-

Board of Aldermen Defeats Law Fathered by Chief Magistrate McAdoo.

The proposed ordinance making it imperative for the captured violator | 000," declared Senator Lippitt of fine, which was fathered by Chief

The usionist members of the Board will bring the matter up for recon-





LIEUT CHAS BECKER

VILLA NOW CALLS BENTON

Rebel Chief, in Telegram Sent to Juarez, Charges the Man He Put to Death With Having Killed Four Persons.

JUAREZe Feb. 24.-A telegram in which Gen. Villa at Chihuahua charged the late William S. Benton with being a cattle thler and having committed four murders was received at military headquarters here to-day.

equivocal statement made by Gen. Francisco Villa, Mexican rebel chief-El Paso newspaper man at Chihuahus. He added that if Bauch has not returned to his friends in El Paso it is Norris's resolution calling on the At- flict with an official statement made the Benton case to take his departure

Chihuahua pris Constitutionalist officers in Juarez York, New Haven and Hartford Rallattempted to discredit the interview road was warmly debated to-day in which was printed in a morning the Senate. Senator Norris said some newspaper here. The correspondent who filed it has long been a personal "I object to such loose statements as friend of Villa, however, and he alleges the rebel leader attached his Rhode Island. "If the Senator means filed.

> liberation of Bauch will be transbehalf of the American Government, stories have a tendency to cause ob-SOME BELIEVE STORY A "BLIND"

will also be a sharp repeti was unwilling to throw the light on the depredations of a lot of piratest it ought not to wonder at the existman. Both of these demands have siready been laid before Villa, and Senator Lodge said he would speak both have been ignored.

in the same interview Villa repeated his previous statement that Hen- expected here to-night to begin ton was executed by a firing squad

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 24 -That | courtmartial, of having attempted to justay Bauch, the American citizen murder Vilia. His statement regard- murder of Roschthal." ing Bauch follows:

"Gustave Bauch, arrested more Federal spy Feb. 15 not only was not than a week ago under suspicton of executed, but was actually released being a spy was set free in Juares. last week in Juarez, was the un. He was not executed as reported by an El Paso newspaper upon the word an accomplice.

"Neither was he brought to Chireturned to his family in El Paso-i understand he has a sister thereyou may rest assured he bas taken to some other part of the country not excuted by my men in Juarez, because I myself gave the order for his release."

prehension among Bauch's friends, in view of the fact that the authorities at Juarez yesterday told not as a "grafter." "O. K." to the statement before it was only the newspapermen but Thomas D. Edwards, the American Consul, that Bauch was being held at Chiby the Supreme Military Court of the mitted to the rebei general to-day on State of Childrahua. The conflicting servers on this side of the river to fear there is some truth in rumors tion of the demand for the body of Edwards would not discuss the latest been officially notified Bauch is it

VOTES 6 TO 1 TO GIVE BECKER NEW TRIAL

Highest Court Says Conviction of Policeman for Murder of Rosenthal Was Due to Errors by Trial Justice Goff.

SCHEPPS AN ACCOMPLICE, OPINION OF JUDGES.

Rose, Webber and Vallon Described as "Undisputed" Murderers, and Other Witnesses Scored.

ALBANY, Feb. 24.—By a vote of 6 to 1, Judge Werner dissenting, the Court of Appeals, in an opinion that amounts to a scathing criticism of Justice Goff, to-day reversed the conviction of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker of the murder of Herman Rosenthal and granted him a

The conviction of the four gunmen who killed Rosenthal was upheld. They must go to the chair.

The opinion does not enter into the question of the guilt or innocence of the accused, according to the weight of evidence introduced, although this phase of the trial is touched upon. The reversal is based solely upon errors committed by Justice Goff in the admission of evidence and the exclusion of evidence and upon his treatment of the defendant and counsel

In the judgment of inwyers who read the opinion this afternoon, Becher cannot be tried again with any hope of conviction because the Court of Appeals in its review of the proceedings virtually condemns the evidence of all the six witnesses upon whose testimony the first conviction was based.

Much of the testimony given by two of them, Luban and Hallen, is declared by the Court to be "inherently improbably and unworthy of belief." Rose, Webber and Vallon are called "undisputably guilty of the

Of the testimony of Schepps, the only corroborative witness to support the testimony of these three, the Court declares that some of the members, on the overwhelming weight of the evidence, believe he was

If some of the members of the court believe Schepps was an achuabus a prisoner. If he has not complice it would be of little use to try Becker again, for another appeal would be taken in the event of conviction.

Some of Justice Goff's rulings are characterized in the opinion of the advantage of the opportunity af- six majority members of the court as "beyond the limits of discretion." WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. Senator his own fault. This is in direct con- forded by the excitement incident to The haste with which the trial was conducted is criticised. Threats made against John F. McIntyre, counsel for the defense, are commented on as is He is not in Chihuanua, and he was the refusal of Justice Goff to allow the defense to have certain papers in the possession of the District-Attorney which would have been of material

> District-Attorney Whitman is charged with but one error in his conduct of the case. That was his reference in his opening address to Becker

SCORES THE FOUR INFORMERS.

An important point in the opinion is the declaration of the Court more imperative demands for the hundred pending a review of his case that Jack Rose, "bridgie" Webber, Harry Vallon and Sam Schepps, the four chief witnesses against Becker, were "engaged in the common indertaking of attempting to save their own lives by placing in forfelt that of the defendant, Becker." Only six witnesses, the opinion states, gave evidence tending directly to connect Becker with the murder

The court holes that in the cases of "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg, "Dago William S. Bonton, the siain English- development except to say he had Frank" Cirofici, "Whitey Lewis" Mueller and "Gyp the Blood" Hose. witz there were no errors committed by the trial judge or the District-Attorney which would warrant any interference with the verdict of the British Consul at Galveston, Tex., is jury. That these four killed Herman Rosenthal is held to be fully est a lished by the evidence.

Concurring in the opinion, Judge Miller declares: "The o